RIDICULES HIS ACCUSERS AND AP-PEALS TO HIS ANCESTORS.

HE DENIES ALL THE CHARGES MADE AGAINST HIM BY THE CITY CLUB-

PRAISE FOR HIS ASSISTANTS. District Attorney Asa Bird Gardiner sent his reply to the City Club charges to the Governor at Albany yesterday morning. The answer was taken up on the Empire State express by John Redmond, the District Attorney's personal attendant in his

The answer is typewritten, and consists of eighty pages of matter. It was not finished till 3 o'clock

The District Attorney, after hearing from Albany, gave out his reply to the charges of the City Club vesterday afternoon. The charges were given out at Albany at the same time by the Governor's sec. retary. The reply of Mr. Gardiner is, in substance,

The District Attorney starts off by acknowledging the receipt of the charges of alleged malfeasance of office and neglect of duty "prepared by one Thomas R Slicer and nine other alleged citizens," setting forth that he has fifteen days under the law to answer them. The District Attorney says that these individuals are wholly unknown to him, and that he has had some difficulty in ascertaining who they were, as their addresses were not apted to their signatures, and in several instances their names are not to be found in the City Direc-

Most of them, he says, are young men, and two or more are non-residents of this county. He also ys that the subscribers have avoided verifying the charges and goes on:

the charges and goes only subscribed in this they are fact that they were only subscribed in this city and transmitted to you by messenger the day before your notice to me and their extremely roduminous character distinctly show that Your Excellency had no apportunity to give them careful consideration, preterring, no doubt, to await my reply 1 cannot approach the consideration of these so-called charges without surprise and in these so-called charges without surprise and in the standard procedure exhibited by the subscribers had law and procedure exhibited by the subscribers had law and procedure exhibited by the subscribers and indignation at the attack upon a public oncer whose unbemished record for thrty-five years service to the Nation or State is the heritage of his family This attack, carefully planned, was made hear the close of an important political contest, and copies artifully digested were at once even to The Associated Press and the newspapers of this city.

ATTACK ON THE REV. MR. SLICER,

Referring to the letter of the Rev. Mr. Slicer accompanying the memorial, he says that it is so intically vituperative that he recalls nothing

This criminally libellous communication was also given to the press, and from their comments. I learned that the individual named resided in Buffalo. N. Y. I that he has changed his religion three imes and ministers as pastor to the Unitarian congression in this city once presided over by my jeparted friend, the saintly Henry W. Bellows, had the so-called charges been sworn to I should have refrained from inviting attention to those oncerned in this proceeding. Relative to these so-called charges, inquiry has developed the fact that lieged record information upon the faith of which he subscribers were induced to sign their names was procured by two persons, one of whom aftercured by two persons, one of whom after cried the so-called charges to Your Ex-

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to this individual, who is in part responsible
leading those subscribers into error, it is proper
notice attention to the fact that his law partner
upon the action of the Bur Association of this
disbarred and removed from the office of
uncy and counsellor at law last December by
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department for deceit and malpractice, a deto recently confirmed by the Court of Appeals.

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This letter in detail is mentioned and refers to a immunication sent by the District Attorney Fulton McMahon, who was counsel for the Law committee of the Sabbath Observance Committee sienel Gardiner also refers to Mr. Heydecker, say-

During the present week this attorney, whom I had to criticise so severely, and the attorney who delivered to Your Excellency the so-called charges against myself, have at the instance of the representative of the Consul General of the Austro-Hungarian Government of this city been jointly summored before Police Magistrate Mayo, of the First Destrict Criminal Court, to answer to a sworn criminal information under Section 18 of the Fenal Code, for deceit and collusion as attorneys in defrauding miner heirs. The case is now pending in hat court.

ceive the suspicious and wholly unreliable source from whence has emanated this unexampled attack on my public character, which is so calculated to mislead many excellent people. I now respectfully take up for consideration, promising that the expression "misfeasance" and "malfeasance" are unknown to our criminal law.

'In a quarter of a century of service under the United States as Judge Advocate I had occasion to pass upon thousands of charges and specifications, more varieticity in the military service saminust officers and men, but never have I seen such a heterogeneous conglomeration as these so, called charges.

CASES TAKEN UP.

The District Attorney then takes up the charges of the City Club. In the case of Butler and the Holts the charges alleged that the proceedings before the Grand Jury were instituted without preminary inquiry or without reasonable grounds; that the District Attorney procured a secret indictment, which was subsequenty dismissed, as is alleged, as not being based on facts.

legarding the dismissal of the indictment he adds that it was on a technicality. He says that he would have resubmitted the case to another Grand Jury, but President Little felt that the publicity given the matter was sufficient vindication. Then Mr. Gardiner derides the accusers' knowledge of

takes up the case of Roland B. Moli-

If the declaration has reference to the first industment, which was afterward set aside by the Court, because of receipt of improper evidence by the Grand Jury. I have only to say that after a Coroner's inquest, which lasted three weeks, and the verdict of the Coroner's jury, under which the defendant was held, the Coroner, Edward W. Hart, waited upon me and recommended in the interests of public morals that instead of sitting over again as Magistrate to rehear the case under the code, that it he submitted directly to the Grand Jury, Recorder Goff was then presiding in Part 1 of General Sessions, wherein the Grand Jury reported, and I proceeded immediately to consult with him on the subject. He agreed with the Coroner that it was a proper procedure, and sent for the foreman of the Grand Jury and detained the Grand Jury one day longer, as the term was about ending, in order that they might consider the case, and an indictment was found.

WHY INDICTMENTS WERE DISMISSED.

WHY INDICTMENTS WERE DISMISSED. Then District Attorney Gardiner takes up the of misfeasarice in office serving to shield alleged criminals rather than protecting the people, unishing and preventing crime. The first specification is that in about two thousand cases he has procured or permitted indictments to be dismissed bail discharged, and defendants freed without

trial, and a schedule is given of several hundred names. In answer to this he says: I have, thank God, a professional staff whose integrity is unimpeachable, and I have yet to learn that in any one of the entire number of indictments dismissed or defendants discharged on their own recognizance, any recommendation was put upon an indictment other than in furtherace of justice.

He says further, "I cannot do an impossible in answer to the charge that he has dismissed 2,000 indictments, and in which he is asked o give a specific reason for each case. He closes the reply to this head of the charge by saying: "I how quit this specification with profound disgus-

for the legal acquirements of those who pre-Mr. Gardiner then proceeds to the second specification, that he has consented to or permitted the withdrawal from Special Sessions of numerous

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does not irritate weak stomachs, is easily digested and adapted for those suffering from dyspepsia and indigestion. Ask your grocer cases which were properly triable there, and by so doing has facilitated the discharge or ultimate immunity of criminals. He adds:

Every man is presumed to be innocent until proven guilty, and if Grand Juries refused to indict or petty juries refused to convict, under the theory of our law the individuals were not criminals. Probably the peculiar individuals who have prepared this silly declaration would like to have a perpetual and the revolutionary tribunal of the Reign of Terror to make the defendants prove their innocence or else take their heads.

He brands as untrue that he has consented to the transfer of liquor tax cases in order to nullify the liquor tax law in New-York County.

For the first time in my life I have heard the charge of a persistent effort to nullify a law by insisting on the public trial in open court, before a jury, of those charged with violating it. The silly malignity of those who prepared these charges almost passes belief.

REGARDING BAIL BOND CASES

In defence to the charges relative to bail cases he says no "straw bail bond" has been taken in his office. Every forfeited recognizance of that description has been taken in a Police Magistrate's court. "The individuals who prepared this declaration, which they thought was of such prime importance, do not seem to understand the object of a recognizance."

In proceeding to the fifth specification, charging neglect of duty in regard to delays of trials, he says: "The malignant fellows who formulated these socalled charges would, if I undertook to answer them in detail, make it necessary that I should write a book and devote as many weeks as they did in collecting data." He gives as his reasons for delays in trials that in nearly all of the prosecutions cers, whose duties at times prevent them attending

In answer to the sixth specification of the second charge that he has appeared in court in behalf of defendants when it was his duty to prosecute, he says it is an untruthful statement and should not sufficiency and superiority to judges, he says that they are trifling. In the midst of a long argument he says: "I am getting tired of answering this

says: "I am persuaded that if Your Excellency had sult you would not have permitted it to have been

his office, he said that he does not believe the subscribers to the charges know what they are talking about. He then gives some figures: "I was \$50,000. The inexperience of these people who have subscribed to these charges is no excuse, however,

POINTING TO HIS ANCESTORS.

After specifically discussing all the charges he

As I review the so-called charges to which answer has now been made, I cannot but feel aggreyed at their wantonly insulting character.

As counsel for Generals Grant and Sheridan, and also for McDowell and Hancock; as professor of law at the United States Military Academy. West Point, and, finally, as assistant to the Secretary of War, I had the happy consciousness of the confidence and the esteem of my associates as well as of good people of this my native city, where my family has been located since the administration of Governor Wouter Van Twiller. I trust that the incident of these so-called charges will suggest to Your Excellency some remedy by legislation which will in future protect public officers by requiring so-called charges to be verified and submitted in a lexal and orderly way, with a right to the public officer to obtain by proper action damages and costs when unjustly assailed.

## REPLY RECEIVED AT ALBANY.

Albany, Nov. 18 (Special).-The long looked for reply of District Attorney Gardiner, of New-York City, to the charges preferred by the City Club was received at the Executive Chamber at noon superiors. to-day. In the absence of the Governor his secretary. Mr. Youngs, gave out the document to the newspaper correspondents.

POLITICIANS ARE AMUSED. DEMOCRATS AS WELL AS REPUBLICANS SEE THE HUMOR OF GARDINER'S REPLY-

WHAT THE REV. MR. SLICER SAYS. Republican politicians were amused last evening by District Attorney Gardiner's reply to the City Club's charges. They said the implied appeal to the Governor's consideration by reciting his Army record and lugging in references to General Grant, General Sheridan and other commanders of the Civil War were both pathetic and ludicrous. As to his mention of his family as having been "located" in New-York since the administration of Governor Wouter Van Twiller, the politicians said they couldn't see what that had to do with charges of inefficiency. Major Gardiner's description of the City Club's committee as "individuals being wholly

said:

I do not see what Mr. Gardiner's rhetoric has to do with the charges preferred against him. The signers of those charges are prepared to prove every one of them, and the District Attorney will not have to wait long to learn whether there is anything in them or not. Governor Roosevelt and the Attorney General are to take luncheon at this club on Tuesday at 1 o'clock. They will have a chance to learn of the exact situation, as far as the City Club can post them. The Governor will appoint a commissioner to hear the evidence against Mr. Gardiner and his office. The Commissioner will report his findings to the Governor, who will act on the case. I understand there is no appeal from the Governor's decision. I hope the Governor will appoint a Democratic lawyer of standing to hear the charges and evidence. All that we ask is that Gardiner be heard fully and fairly.

standing to hear the charges and evidence. And that we ask is that Gardiner be heard fully and fairly.

I am free to say that I believe he will be removed. There is damaging enough proof of the District Attorney's unfitness for his office in the matter of forfeited ball bonds alone. What has become of \$189,000 not accounted for? Why were the bonds forfeited? What is a ball bond for? On scores of these bonds, which carry what purports to be an enumeration of the property of the bondsman, the Sheriff has indorsed, 'No property.' Gardiner is mistaken when he says that the signers of the charges are not qualified to make them. They are lawyers of excellent standing, and know exactly what they are doing, as Mr. Gardiner will discover. What under the sun have Gardiner's ancestry and old Governor Van Twiller of New-Amsterdam to do with the charges made against him for incompetency and unfitness? Why should they come in? We have never charged that he was not well derived. We never questioned these things he says about himself. But if the charges are true, then on account of his alleged noble lineage he is all the more guilty, for he should have done better. The letter from myself to the Governor, which he calls vituperative, was written merely to connect the signers of the charges with the City Club, of which they are members, they having signed the charges a citizens. My letter said that under Gardiner's administration criminals had become bold, and the poor were a prey of their enemies. That is strictly true, as we shall prove to the Commissioner.

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Dr. Slicer went into a number of the phases of the charges, and showed a grasp of the situation unusual in a man not a lawyer. In closing he said: "It is not a crime for a man to be foolish, but it is awfully inconvenient to the public when that

man happens to occupy a high public office. James R. Burnet, one of the trustees of the City Club, but not one of the signers of the charges,

If the published statements of Colonel Gardiner are samples of what he has said in answer to the charges against him, then beyond question he himself bears out the charges, and his answer should be marked as an exhibit and attached to the charges as evidence of his unfitness to hold a quasi-judicial office. He seems to labor under a complete misapprehension as to what has been done and said against him. It is not Dr. Slicer, or Heydecker, of the City Club, that is under investigation. It is Colonel Gardiner himself. We said nothing about Van Twiller or Sheridan or Grant, or Gardiner's kneage. If what we get from Albany to-night is a sample of his answer, then I can see only one outcome of the charges, and that is the District Attorney's removal.

At the Democratic Club last night Colonel Gardiner's answer to the charges was the topic of conversation. The thing that struck the Tammany men as absurdly ridiculous was the Colonel's effort to bolster up his case by dragging in his ancestry and the fact that he was once upon a time the counsel for Generals Grant and Sheridan.

HEYDECKER AND M'MAHON IN COURT. HEARING IN THE CASE OF THE LAWYERS POST.

PONED UNTIL NEXT WEEK The charge against Fulton McMahon and Edward L. Heydecker, lawyers of No. 111 Broadway, by Ignatius Weltner, of No. 208 Broadway, plained in The Tribune on Friday, was called before Magistrate Mayo in the Centre-st, court yesterday, On behalf of the defendants there were present the Rev. Thomas R. Slicer, chairman of the Cities Committee of the City Club; James W. Pryor, secretary, and Charles A. B. Pratt. Mr. Heydecker had for his legal adviser Edward T. Lyon, and Frederick Beltz represented Fulton McMahon. In

the ranks of the complainant were Edward A. Alexander, of No. 206 Broadway, while the District Attorney's office had present for its repre sentatives Assistant District Attorney Le Barbier

and Deputy Assistant Byrne.

Mr. Alexander, for the complainant, after the case had been called, said that inasmuch as there is a mass of documentary evidence and letters written by the accused, an adjournment would not be undestrable.

be undesirable.

Mr. Beltz, for Fulton McMahon, at this stage interposed and said the case was one that should proceed slowly. At this juncture Deputy Assistant District Attorney Byrne said something inaudible to the Court, whereupon Mr. Beltz turned on him with this query:

"How are you in this case."

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"Ha, ha!" returned Mr. Beltz in a tone of irony. To Magistrate Mayo Mr. Beltz said: "I think it wisdom to allow the whole matter to rest until is presented in proper shape."
Then followed a heated passage at arms be-ween counsel on both sides, in which the case was eviewed.

It is a great wrong, and it must be revealed: outed Mr. Weltner in the midst of the argu-Vou're an angel with wings coming out of your ck." responded Mr. Beltz, as he patted Mr. elther on the shoulder. I'm no thief, anyhow!" thundered Mr. Weltner.

his eyes aflame.
At this point Mr. Lyon said he was prepared to go on, and Magistrate Mayo expressed his willingness to sit all day and hear the case. Mr. Beitz again interposed, and said that he thought a postponement of the case was desirable. The case ponement of the case was desirable. Went over to next Saturday at 10 a. m.

CIVIL SERVICE LAW'S EFFECT

DEEPLY CONCERNS MANY OFFICIALS IN THIS CITY

HOW THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE WILL FARE-ITS APPLICATION AN-OTHER BLOW AT TAMMANY PATRONAGE.

The State Civil Service Commissioners have fin ished their hearings in this city regarding the application of Civil Service rules to county officials Their last meeting in the city was held on Friday at the Gilsey House. District Attorney Gardiner County Clerk Sohmer and Register Fromme did not appear or send representatives. The absence of the Tammany county officials was remarked, and it was understood to mean that they did not wish to give countenance in any manner to the decision of the State Commissioners to apply the Civil Ser vice rules to county offices.

There will be another meeting of the State Com

missioners in Albany next Wednesday, at which county officials of several counties outside the great city will have opportunities to be heard. The Civil Service rules will be applied on December 1 to the tion of over 100,000. The counties to be affected are Albany, Erie, Kings, Monroe, New-York, Oneida Orange, Onondaga, Queens, Rensselaer and West-

vice rules will affect many officials in the offices the Register. The salaries of officials to be affected in the District Attorney's office amount to more rules will be another blow at Tammany patron-

Silas W. Burt, one of the State Civil Service Commissioners, said yesterday that after December 1 no appointment to office in the eleven counties could be made except in compliance with the Civil Service regulations. Officials to be ex empt from competitive examination, he said, would be those acting as deputies. In other cases, where it is deemed that an examination would not be practicable, none will be required. None will be refees which are the official emoluments of their

Mr. Burt said that the State Commission would not act upon the decision of Justice Herrick on the Bascom case from Binghamton until it had been reviewed by the Court of Appeals. Regarding the decision he was quoted as follows:

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This is a very important decision, and agrees completely with my own ideas. In fact, I am quoted at length in the opinion. Its effect will be to give the heads of departments the power of selection from three names, the highest submitted by the Commission. This is the rule the country over, and always was in this State until the Black act went into effect. When the White law superseded the Black act, the heads of departments were compelled to accept the first name on the list of eligibles submitted by the Commission. Thus, virtually, the Commission was the appointing power. I would shrink from such a responsibility. It is obvious that the Board would eventually become corrupt, for, if the members acted always as their sense of right dictated, they would soon be removed to make room for more pliable men.

M'ANENY ON APPELLATE DIVISION RULING. George McAneny, secretary of the Civil Service Court for the Third District to the effect that a State or civil officer in making appointments from the Civil Service lists is not required to take the first man on the list, but may select any of three

Mr. McAneny said that the ruling applied only to offices in the Third Department of the Supreme 'ourt, and that in other parts of the State the Civil Service Commissioners would continue to enforce the law without reference to this decision He said that unquestionably there would be an appeal taken to the Court of Appeals. Both sides were anxious to have a definitive ruling on the question. Personally, he was inclined to the belief that there was strong ground for the decision, and I was much better to allow the appointing officer the power to select one from three, when that provision is accompanied by a fair probationary rule which assures a proper trial to the person appointed. He said he was convinced that the rule making it mandatory for the appointing officer to take the first name on the eligible list was not favored by the Civil Service Reform Association at the time of its enactment, and while he could not speak for the members of the association, yet he was convinced that the majority of the advocates of Civil Service reform were in favor of permitting appointing officers to exercise discretionary power, when that power was properly protected by other provisions.

MR. CLAUSEN REPLIES TO MR. SKITT.

HE WANTS GOOD REASONS FOR THE DELAY DE-SIRED BY MANHATTAN.

President George C. Clausen of the Park Board sent a letter to Alfred Skitt, vice-president and gen-eral manager of the Manhattan Elevated Railroad, yesterday morning in reply to the latter's fetter relative to the removal of the Manhattan elevated structure from Battery Park. President Clausen in his reply says: You offer to take up and examine without delay uestions which should have received such atten-

Vou offer to take up and examine without delay questions which should have received such attention long ago. Your other offers are equally valueless as regards progress in the matter at issue. All of these offers are couched in very guarded language and coupled with reference to a claim of legal rights. This is unmistakable evidence that the offers are simply made to gain time.

It should not be forgotten that the act of this Department is based upon a mutual agreement which, in addition to the clause permitting the license to occupy Battery Park to be revoked on six months' notice, contains the prevision: That the company and its successors or assigns, in using such right of way and in exercising and enjoying such license under and pursuant to the terms hereof, shall neither claim nor in any manner attempt to assert, by under or by reason of the possession hereby obtained any estate, right of title or interest in the lands within the limits of the Battery, other than such as is herein expressed, or any estate, right or title or interest adverse to the Department or the successor thereof, or adverse to the Mayor. Aldermen and Commonalty of the city of New-York, or any right there other than a revocable right to the use and occupancy of the premises, for the purposes only aforesaid.

In justice to the public and to this department, I therefore shall require that the intentions of the Manhattan Kallway in relation to the removal of its structure from Battery Park and in relation to the legislation referred to be definitely declared before I will decide upon the application for an extension of time. If this declaration is not received with reasonable promptness the decision will not be delayed on that account.

THE SAILING DELAYED BY STRIKE. Owing to a sixteen hour strike of longshoremen

the Holland-America Line steamship Statendam will sail this morning at 10 o'clock for Rotterdam, instead of sailing yesterday. The longshoremen demanded that all the non-

The longshoremen demanded that all the non-union men in the employ of the line be discharged. There was no question of wages or hours. The longshoremen lost, the company refusing to give in, and the men went back to work. Among the passengers to sail are Mr. and Mrs. I. P. Howes and family, Mrs. Richard Van Voor-hees and General Mertzago, naval attaché of the Imperial Russian Embassy at Washington.

NURSES FOR SOUTH AFRICA SAIL. On the Atlantic Transport liner Maniton, which

sails this morning for London, is Dr. Hastings, in charge of twenty-nine dispensers, orderlies and male nurses, who are engaged for British South African service. They will join the hospital ship Maine, which has been lent to the British Govern-ment by the Atlantic Transport Line.

WE PREPAY FREIGHT the following States:

Rhode Island, New York.



Space permits the mention this advertisement of on a small part of the many special offerings prepared for Monday—In order to fully realize the importance of Challenge Sale—we suggest that you also look into the other Sunday papers containing a different list of Bargains from those adver-

Our Sixth Semi-Annual Challenge Sale

begins to-morrow, and the bare announcement will suffice to send a thrill of expectation throughout the length and breadth of Greater New York. For has not this biennial event on five previous occasions proven its worth and earned its laurels? And as "Ever Onward" is the watchword of this ever watchful store, you may rest assured that every possible effort has been made to assure to the sixth of the Challenge family a most brilliant career.

Prices of all the staples of the world, as well as finished merchandise of which skilled labor forms a considerable part, have been rising, rising, and promise to rise still more. The country can congratulate itself, for it's the surest sign of general prosperity. But the very purpose of Challenge Sale is to furnish goods of merit AT LOWER COST than heretofore—and we admit that for some time we were puzzled just how to accomplish it. It is at this point that the magnificent buying organization of the two Big Stores (New York and Chicago) has asserted its power. Seventy expert buyers were sent broadcast over the land, penetrating into all manufacturing centres, however remote, and picking up choice lots here and there as opportunity afforded, for spot cash, at prices that in the open markets were simply

And all these were safely stored away for Challenge Sale. For months these great preparations for the bargain feast to come were stealthily going on. And now we are ready—ready in the face of rapidly advancing markets with

Five Hundred Thousand Dollars' Worth of Silt Edge Merchandise at Challenge Prices!

Proud as we are of the five previous sales that made "Challenge" famous, we shall have reason to be prouder yet of the sixth, being convinced beyond the pale of doubt that the values we shall offer every day this week

Will Outshine and Excel Anything and Everything Yet Accomplished by Any Store---Anywhere!

Challenge Sale of Grimmed Millinery, Dress Grimmings. Millinery Trimmings, &c.

ment has made unusual prepara-tions, and the result will be a surprise even to those of our patrons who know what we have done and can do in the way of magnificent displays of fine millinery. A more stylish, handsome or becoming collection of hats hasn't been exhibited in New York for many a day-at least. that's what we think, and we think you will say so, too, when you see them. We must, of course, defer to the judgment of the ladies in this matter, for they are the most competent of critics. There is one thing certain, however:-Exclusive milliners would charge you double our Challenge Prices for the magnificent pieces of feminine headgear we offer to-morrow at three special prices,

\$3, \$5 and \$10.

In the Untrimmed Hat Section.

A series of truly magnificent values, the like of which can only be obtained here, and here only during an occasion like the Challenge Sale.

100 dozen Ladies' Automobile Hats, with velvet crown, trimmed with corded silk and quills, regularly sold at \$2.25; our Challenge Sale price. 950. 100 dozen Ladies' Tam o' Shanters made of stitched Felt crown, edged with velvet and trimmed with quil variety of colors; Challenge Price Phonographs and only

Ostrich Plumos.

We were fortunate enough to se- No one who ever heard these woncure a big consignment of unusually derful little machines reproduce the fine Plumes very cheaply just in time human voice, a full orchestra or for this Challenge Sale. Buy them single instruments, will deny that now and you will get them cheaper they are magnificent entertainers. than ever. Look at some sample and no one will deny that at these prices:-

strich Plumes, 12 inches long, w \$1 apiece; Challenge Price . 50 dozen of the Popular Cut Ostrich Pompons, worth \$1.25 each; Chal-

100 dozen Handsome Black 3-4 Ostrich Plumes, worth \$1.75 apiece; Challenge Price . . . 100 dozen Extra Fine Black Ostrich Plumes, 15 inches long, worth \$2.25 each; our Challenge Price only 1.45

Challenge Sale of

some groceries lower than elsewhere will make neglect of your animals all of the time, but Challenge Sale nothing less than crime. Just see will furnish you with the unexampled here: opportunity of purchasing of the en-tire contents of this-the world's greatest pure food mart at Challenge Prices—the lowest quotations for first class Groceries ever known in

Ham: Mild Sugar Cured Ham or lean strip Bacon, per lb . Sugar: 19 lbs. of H. & E. Granulated Sugar for . .

Coffee: Combination Java, combined merit and economy, 5 lbs. 1.00; per lb., Challenge Price . .

Teas: New crop 1899 Teas, green, black or mixed, 5 lbs., 1.75; per lb., Challenge Price . . . Butter: 5-lb. pail choicest Elgin

Creamery, Challenge Price . 1.25 Herring: Fancy Labrador Herring, 5-lb. pail, Challenge Price . Mackerel: Choice Family Mackerel,

New York State Fancy Corn, Early June Peas or Boston Baked Beans, plain or in tomato sauce, all 1899 pack, per can, Challenge Price ...

Prunes: Choice Santa Clara Valley Prunes, per 10 lbs., Challenge Price,

Nuts: New Mixed Nuts, per li Challenge price //3e
Figs: Fancy Four Crown Smyrna
Figs, 2 lbs., 25e; per lb., Challenge

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Molasses: Milford old fashioned Cooking Molasses, per gal. can, Challenge Price 400
Vinegar: Pure Apple Cider Vinegar, per gal.jug, Challenge Price 250
Fruits: Fancy White Ox Heart
Cherries, Dulcet Red or Black Raspberries or State Pears, per can, Chal-

Mustard, per 2 lbs., Challenge Price, Raisins: New crop California, large, loose Muscatel Raisins, per lh Challenge Price. Fancy Large Seeded Raisins in lb. pkgs., Challenge Price. Ite TOBACCOS.
Sardines: La Tour's, quarters, im-

Spices: Fresh-ground Pepper or

ported, per can, Challenge Price. 10e Rice; Choice Carolina Rice, 10 lbs., Cream Cheese, per lb., Challenge Starch: 5-lb. pkg. Best Laundry Starch, Challenge Price. 19e Fairbank's Mascot Soap, per box of

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Talking Machine Records, the genuine Norcross make, all originals, the largest collection ever offered, will fit Columbia Graphophone or Edison Phonograph; Challenge Price. . 25e Blank Records, Challenge Price. 120

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brown, with fancy red stripe, size Undergarments. Street Blanket, for truck, size 90x96, The undergarments of every well

been offered to any one for many a day. Prices are so extraordinarily low, in fact, that we must reserve the right to limit quantities. Peel: Fancy Leghorn Citron, Orange or Lemon Peel, per lb., Chal- IMPORTED CIGARS.

> Henry Clay, Conchas Selectos; La Carolina, Favorita, Extra, box of 50; La Simpatica, clear Havana, Cuban hand made, an exceptional value, three sizes, at these Challenge Prices:-

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750

tin; Challenge Price Durham and Seal of North Carolina, Cottons. pound pkgs.; Challenge Price . . 450

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700 Dozen Men's Wool Half Hose, in camel's hair and natural wool, all sizes; worth 19c. per pair, Challenge

500 Dozen Ladies' Imported Fleece-Lined Hose, full regular made Hermsdorf dved, all sizes; worth 35c. per pair, Challenge Price . 1,000 Dozen Children Ribbed Hose, all sizes; worth 19c. per pair, Challenge Price .

300 Dozen Ladies' Wool Hose, in

Challenge Sale of

terial, since nothing richer, hand-somer or more durable can apparently be obtained. When anything is Choice Mink Fur Trimming, 1 inch; Perfect the limit has been attained. . 390 Good silks are the perfection of dress material. Therefore seek no further Chinchilla Fur Trimming, 1 inch; The stock of Silks carried by The Big

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25 pieces of Black Satin Duchesse;

these 35 pieces last, per yard

White and Cream Peau De Soie, 21 nches, all silk; worth \$1.25 per yard; Challenge Price (The above two items are subject to

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good range of new fall shades, 20 % iches wide; actual value, per yard, feta, all small, neat effects and stripes, 

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Street Blanket, medium weight, Women's

Street Blanket, for truck, size 90x95, weight 10 pounds, gray body, with yellow stripe; Challenge Price 2.18

Burlap Stable Blanket, full lined, 2 surcingles; Challenge Price 986

Printed Duck Stable Blankets, full lined, 2 wide surcingles; Challenge Price 1.48

Medium Weight Plush Lap Robes, blue, green, black or maroon: Challenge Price 956

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Medium Weight Plush Lap Robes, blue, green, green, green, green easily within the reach of every woman who needs them.

Women's Silk Moreen Skirts, in all colors and black, with double um-brella corded flounce; Challenge Women's French Percaline Flannel

Lined Skirts, in pretty, dark fancy colors, with 12-inch accordion plaited flounce; Challenge Price. One lot of Women's Fancy Colored Mercerized Sateen Skirts, with double umbrella corded flounce, in several styles, regularly sold here and where at \$2.35, \$2.95 and \$3.25; your choice, Challenge Price . . 1.75

Women's Fleece Lined Flannel Underskirts. . Women's Fine Muslin Gowns, tucked Hubbard yoke and embroidered edge neck, front and sleeves . Women's Muslin Skirts,

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or hand crocheted, all colors; Chal-

lenge Price . . .

Three Unmatchable Items, every

Percales, fast colors, tull yard wide; Challenge Price. . . 6% o Twilled Plaids, fast colors; Challenge Price, per yard .

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Our stock of Cornets is so large and so varied that we have no trouble in fitting perfectly any female figure. If you have doubts about it, come here and be convinced. Our Challenge Prices are the lowest we offer-the lowest ever offered by any

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One lot of domestic Corsets, white

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White Shaker Flannel, worth 51/2c. a yard, Challenge Price

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Conchas Especiales, box of 50 2.00 yoke bands and double umbrella flounce, with embroidered edge or plain 37c Women's Flannelette Night Gowns, Hubbard

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